

Jesus & You Assessment: How Are You Different / the Same?

By Scot McKnight, adapted from his book [The Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible](#). Take this quiz at the beginning of a Bible study and again at the study's end. The goal: assess change in your image of Jesus and your self. Work quickly. There are no "correct" answers.



Part 1: What Do You Think of Jesus?

Please answer each question with a "yes" (Y) or "no" (N). Work quickly.

1. Does his mood often go up and down? Y N
2. Is he a talkative person? Y N
3. Would being in debt worry him? Y N
4. Is he rather lively? Y N
5. Was he ever greedy by helping himself to more than his share of anything? Y N
6. Would he take drugs that may have strange or dangerous effects? Y N
7. Has he ever blamed someone for doing something he knew was really his fault? Y N
8. Does he prefer to go his own way rather than act by the rules? Y N
9. Does he often feel "fed-up"? Y N
10. Has he ever taken anything (even a pin or button) that belonged to someone else? Y N
11. Would he call himself a nervous person? Y N
12. Does he think marriage is old-fashioned and should be done away with? Y N
13. Can he easily get some life into a rather dull party? Y N
14. Is he a worrier? Y N
15. Does he tend to keep in the background on social occasions? Y N
16. Does it worry him if he knows there are mistakes in his work? Y N
17. Has he ever cheated at a game? Y N
18. Does he suffer from "nerves"? Y N
19. Has he ever taken advantage of someone? Y N
20. Is he mostly quiet when he is with other people? Y N
21. Does he often feel lonely? Y N
22. Does he think it is better to follow society's rules than go his own way? Y N
23. Do other people think of him as being very lively? Y N
24. Does he always practice what he preaches? Y N

Part 2: What Do You Think About Yourself?

Do not look at your answers to questions 1-24.

25. Does your mood often go up and down? Y N
26. Are you a talkative person? Y N
27. Would being in debt worry you? Y N
28. Are you rather lively? Y N
29. Were you ever greedy by helping yourself to more than your share of anything? Y N
30. Would you take drugs which may have strange or dangerous effects? Y N
31. Have you ever blamed someone for doing something you knew was really your fault? Y N
32. Do you prefer to go your own way rather than act by the rules? Y N
33. Do you often feel “fed-up”? Y N
34. Have you ever taken anything (even a pin or button) that belonged to someone else? Y N
35. Would you call yourself a nervous person? Y N
36. Do you think marriage is old-fashioned and should be done away with? Y N
37. Can you easily get some life into a rather dull party? Y N
38. Are you a worrier? Y N
39. Do you tend to keep in the background on social occasions? Y N
40. Does it worry you if you know there are mistakes in your work? Y N
41. Have you ever cheated at a game? Y N
42. Do you suffer from “nerves”? Y N
43. Have you ever taken advantage of someone? Y N
44. Are you mostly quiet when you are with other people? Y N
45. Do you often feel lonely? Y N
46. Do you think it is better to follow society’s rules than go your own way? Y N
47. Do other people think of you as being very lively? Y N
48. Do you always practice what you preach? Y N

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